

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1595

Introduced by Assembly Member Chesbro

February 3, 2014

An act relating to developmental services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1595, as introduced, Chesbro. State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Existing federal law, the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, provides federal funds to assist the state in planning, coordinating, monitoring, and evaluating services for persons with developmental disabilities and in establishing a system to protect and advocate the legal and civil rights of persons with developmental disabilities.

Existing law establishes the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to, among other things, serve as the state planning council responsible for developing the California Developmental Disabilities State Plan and monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the plan.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation amending specified provisions pertaining to the operations, structure, and responsibilities of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares the following:

1 (a) The State Council on Developmental Disabilities engages
2 in advocacy, capacity building, and systems change activities so
3 that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families
4 are assisted by a comprehensive system of services and supports
5 to achieve self-determination, independence, productivity, and
6 inclusion in all aspects of community life.

7 (b) The council is funded through an appropriation governed
8 by the federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of
9 Rights Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-402)(42 U.S.C. 15001 et
10 seq.).

11 SEC. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation
12 to amend Division 4.5 (commencing with Section 4500) of the
13 Welfare and Institutions Code, as it pertains to the operations,
14 structure, and responsibilities of the State Council on
15 Developmental Disabilities. These changes will bring state law
16 into full compliance with federal law in order to provide for the
17 continued operation of the council.